



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Senate Bill 174

Senate Amendment 1

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Current law prohibits a person from giving, selling, or delivering to any prisoner any alcoholic beverages, unless medically indicated. A prisoner also is prohibited from using intoxicating liquor. [See ss. 302.37 (2) and 303.75 (1m) and (2), Stats.]

Senate Bill 174 provides that a member of the clergy may possess a reasonable amount of wine in a prison, jail, or house of correction if the wine is intended to be used in a religious service. The clergy member also may give or deliver a reasonable amount of wine to an inmate and an inmate may consume that wine as part of the religious service.

Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 174 deletes the reference to “a reasonable amount” and provides that the clergy member may possess no more than two ounces of wine in an institution.

On October 25, 2005, Senate Amendment 1 was adopted on a voice vote of the Senate. On the same day, the Senate passed Senate Bill 174 on a vote Ayes, 18; Noes, 15.

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